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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of Helmuth GABL et al

Serial No. 09/776,320

Examiner: Matthew O. Savage

Filing Date: 02/02/2001

Group Art Unit: 1723

For: Screen And Process For Manufacturing A Screen Of This Kind

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 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

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- Transmitted herewith is a Response to Official Action in the above-identified application.
- () A small entity statement was previously submitted in this application.
 () A small entity statement is enclosed.
 (XX) A filing fee for extra claims does not appear required.
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No. of Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims	Fee For Small Entity Rate	Fee For Other Than Small Entity Rate
Total	20	0	x \$9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
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() First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims			+ \$140 = \$	+ \$280 = \$
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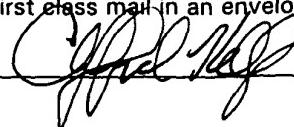
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

In response to the Official Action mailed May 28, 2002 Applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A screen comprising
a plurality of rods, each of the rods having side walls, at least one of the side walls defining at least one protrusion, each protrusion having an elliptic shape or a circular shape having a radius r of $0.1 \text{ mm} < r < 2 \text{ mm}$; and
at least one rod-bearing supporting element having at least one recess having a shape which is complementary to the protrusion of the rod;
wherein each protrusion of the rod is received within a recess of the supporting element.

Please delete claims 2, 11 and 12.

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